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Executive Officer

DATE: April 8, 2004
TO: Nurse Practitioners and Interested Parties
FROM: Board of Registered Nursing
RE: CE Course for Schedule II Controlled Substance Furnishing by Nurse Practitioners

Nurse Practitioners wishing to furnish Schedule II controlled substances are required to complete a Board of Registered Nursing approved continuing education course including Schedule II **prior** to filing an application with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Please do not call the DEA prior to completing the continuing education course as required. The Board of Registered Nursing requires a minimum 3-hour approved continuing education course. The Board of Registered Nursing is required to verify each nurse practitioner's completion of the required continuing education course and to notify the DEA of those nurse practitioners who have met requirements.

Each nurse practitioner applying for Schedule II furnishing privileges **MUST** submit to the Board:

- Written request for Schedule II furnishing privileges that includes your name, address, and nurse practitioner furnishing number.
- Photocopy of the continuing education completion certificate **AND** detailed course outline.

Please mail to: Board of Registered Nursing
Advanced Practice Unit
400 R Street, Suite 4030
Sacramento, CA 95814-6239

The Board of Registered Nursing will process and forward your continuing education course information to the San Francisco Drug Enforcement Administration Office. The San Francisco DEA will process all NP applications upon receipt of information from the Board of Registered Nursing.

Effective January 1, 2004 Assembly Bill 1196 (Montañez) amended the Business and Profession Code Section 2836.1 (Furnishing Drugs and Devices) expanding the certified nurse practitioner (NP) furnishing authority to include pharmacological drugs that are classified as Schedule II controlled substances under the California Uniform Controlled Substance Act.